

The Superfluous Man

I'd always wished I'd been imaginative enough to have come up with a title as descriptive as that given Albert Jay Nock's autobiography, *Memoirs of A Superfluous Man*. However, the pressures of teaching and the burdens of administration have precluded the production of many memorable phrases — let alone books.

It is one of the ironies of community college teaching that the enterprise seldom lends itself to that kind of intellectual and creative activity which we so highly esteem and so highly tout. The teaching loads, the fiscal

restrictions on sabbatical leaves and other forms of organized intellectual stimulation and growth have sometimes precluded the scholarly work traditionally associated with collegiate faculties.

Now, however, I may have unlimited time to spend on scholarly pursuits, long days followed by quiet evenings in my study revisiting those ancients who have over the centuries counseled the pursuit of truth over the pursuit of power, the acquisition of wisdom rather than the acquisition of wealth, the joys of friendship and keen wit over

the pleasures of the table and the flesh.

I have been declared a Superfluous Man.

To one who has devoted his adult life to scholarship and intellectual pursuits, this news should have been received with the greatest pleasure; instead it came as a shock from the hands of those in high places whose job is to balance budgets and maintain fiscal solvency. Suddenly my enthusiasm for a contemplative and rustic life in the manner of Tolstoy, and other nineteenth century idealists, gave way to the most obscene

desire for job security and anxiety about meeting mortgage payments and paying the orthodontist, not to mention the many other creditors of the average middle class professional family.

The problem ostensibly lies in the worthy desire of the Governor to conserve the taxpayers' money by keeping the same budget in the coming fiscal year that has prevailed in the current year. This recommended budget, which goes under the code name of House One, takes little account of inflation or of the salary in-

creases granted through established procedure and due process to the faculty and staff of the college. In order for the Governor to achieve his objective of level funding, a number of persons will have to be laid off from their jobs. This is somewhat like amputating a leg to save the soldier and in wartime is an accepted practice.

Amputation is not the best solution to a gangrenous leg, however. A better solution is to avoid war through adroit diplomacy. The Governor has

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Toboggan Club Is Number One

By VINCE LORDITCH

The defending champion GCC toboggan club journeyed to Lake Placid, N.Y. two week-ends in a row, and successfully defended their titles in both the North American toboggan races and the National Collegiate Invitational, and competed in the Lake George Open races.

Led by coach Dave Johnson, the club left for Lake Placid, Feb. 18, to compete in the North American races. By the time they were finished, the team had won first and second place in the two and three person races and all three trophies in the Mayor's Cup race.

In the two person race, the toboggan ridden by Hawk Murray and Vinny Alphonse won first place for GCC, while Lee McMennaman and Jay LeMan were aboard the second place sled. The Big Mountain team from Keene, N.Y. placed third.

In the three person race, GCC's Steve Bulley, Burt Long, and Jay LeMan took first place, while Robin Hicks, Kathy Wilsey, and Joe Di Sciullo came in second. Third place was captured by the Silver Fox team of California.

The team then swept the field in the Mayor's Cup race. In this competition, the teams are authorized by a city or town's municipal officials to compete in their behalf. This week-end, the town represented by GCC were not disappointed, as they took first, second, and third place honors.

The first place trophy was captured by Ted Smith, Lee McMennaman, and Debbie Dellert, on behalf of hometown Greenfield.

The second place trophy was won for Holliston, Mass. by Joe Di Sciullo, Kathy Wilsey, and Robin Hicks.

Burt Long, Carol Tota, and Gary Newcomb won third place, racing for Dedham, Mass.

The following week-end the team returned to Lake Placid to compete in two more meets, the National Collegiate Invitational, sponsored by the NCAA and Paul

Smith's College, on Feb. 26, and the Lake George Open on the 27th.

In the collegiate competition, GCC took first place in all three races, while capturing second place in two more.

In the four person, two male and two female race, Ted Smith, Lee McMennaman, Debbie Dellert and Karla Mann captured first place while Carol Tota, Kathy Wilsey, Joe Di Sciullo and Robin Hicks won second. The team from St. Lawrence University came in third.

The four person, any male-female combination, ended with Hawk Murray, John Pinneau, Jay LeMan and Vinny Alphonse on the winning sled and Steve Bulley, Dennis Alzepiede, Irwin Michelman, and Burt Long in second, while Berkshire CC won third place.

Kim Supernon and Pat Hunt grabbed first place in the two person, one male - one female combination, and St. Lawrence Univ. and Berkshire CC won second and third, respectively.

Although they didn't do as well as in the Collegiate, the team still brought home trophies from the Lake George Races, sponsored by the Lake George Fire Dept. and Holiday Inn, the next day. Two races were held that day; GCC won one second and two third place trophies.

A team from Glen Falls, N.Y. won first place in the three person competition. GCC, with Joni Mahoney, Dave Johnson, and Hawk Murray aboard took second place, with Burt Long, Steve Bulley, and Jay LeMan placing third.

In the two person race Glen Falls again won first, as well as second place. Jay LeMan and Lee McMennaman, however, took home the third place trophy.

All in all, it seems the defending champs had a pretty productive two week-ends. Congratulations team.

Dentists To Meet Here

Current concepts in operative dentistry will be the subject of a seminar for area dentists at Greenfield Community College March 23, Prof. Ethel M. Case, director of continuing education announced today.

The program is being sponsored by the college and the Franklin County Dental Society and will feature Dr. Ralph Green, Jr., assistant professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Green is also on the faculties at Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene and the Northeastern University School of Dental Assisting.

The seminar will include discussions on cariology and prevention, conservative cavity preparation, matrices, liners and bases and restorative resins.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. with luncheon at the college.

Exhibition Features GCC Alumna

An exhibition of paintings and drawings by a Greenfield artist will be on display at Greenfield Community College until March 30.

Sarah Gott, a 1971 graduate of Greenfield Community College, describes herself as a realist "in the sense that my paintings describe the reality of my life."

Ms. Gott received a fine arts degree from the University of Massachusetts where she has also been a graduate student. Her exhibits include the Winston-Salem Gallery of Fine Arts, The Humanist Center and Lerner-Heller Gallery in New York City, and the Old Far Gallery in Petersham, MA. She has had one-person shows at the Franklin Savings Institute, Greenfield Public Library, Franklin County Public Hospital, and the College.

Her works are hung in the humanities FSM between the south second and third levels and may be viewed daily during regular college hours.

Turner Explains Budget Cuts To Students

By CARLO A. GONZALEZ

On March 9 President Turner met with students in the auditorium to discuss how the proposed FY78 state budget, House Bill One, will affect Greenfield Community College.

President of the Student Senate, Chris Bond, introduced President Turner after making a strong statement on the need for students to play an aggressive role in the proceedings in Boston.

The President opened by giving a brief overview of the structure of the educational budget, before going into a question and answer period with students. As it looks, Governor Dukakis, determined to keep the educational allocations at a level proportional to last years. Since last year, state teachers have received \$70 million in raises, which is not provided for this year. In order to keep from spending more educational dollars it would be necessary for some teachers and staff to be laid off.

The President also explained his reasoning behind determining who would be laid off in the event the governor's budget is accepted. Basically, how long someone has worked at a position and how essential that position is to the institution are the main criteria. Dean Gainty likened this process to that of someone who had to decide what fingers they have to cut off of themselves. If the budget is passed this college, like all state institutions of higher learning, will lose between fifteen and twenty faculty and staff.

During the question and answer period a lot of student feeling and concern was expressed for the short and long term implications of this move by the governor. Chris Bond closed the meeting by saying that students can play a part in determining the future of higher education by writing and getting their friends and relatives to write their representatives in Boston. He also started a student Senate petition circulating, which he asks for all to sign.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP USED BOOK SALE

Volunteers are needed to serve as salesclerks during the Used Book Sale to be held in the Main Lobby, on Tuesday, March 22, 8:30 A.M. to 9 P.M., and Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The proceeds of the sale will be used to fund student scholarship awards.

If you have an hour or more to give, please leave your name and the time you can serve with Sharon Fiske in the Student Activities Office.

Donations of books may be brought to the Nursing Department Office.

HELP!

Memorial Hall Museum in Old Deerfield is in desperate need of volunteers to help with the spring education programs. The museum has developed new concepts in museum education which need a lot of peoplepower. Programs run 9:30 - 1:00 Monday-Friday. If you would like some experience in education in the informal environment and can volunteer one or more mornings a week, please call Tim Neumann at 773-5206 and 773-8929. HELP!

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chosen to declare war on the Commonwealth Fiscal Mess rather than using J.P. Morgan's stratagem of sending his man to treat our man to see if a happy compromise can be reached.

This seems to be a strategy growing in popularity with political executives and is meant to support their image as efficient, no-nonsense, hardnosed managers of the public weal. As one who may be amputated and thus declared superfluous, there is a keen desire to have other options investigated. Perhaps there is some kind of fiscal penicillin yet to be discovered.

If the Governor's Plan prevails, it is estimated that 6,000 to 7,000 state employees will have to be axed. That is too strong a verb. Let me retrack that and say instead terminated. Fortunately, the Party in Power is not of a single mind and within the House of Representatives, where all money bills must originate, there are those with a different view. Their concept is level staffing rather than level funding — a much more felicitous solution, at least for those of us who are among the 19 or so here at GCC who are potentially surplus property.

No one here is happy about these events. President Turner is deeply grieved over the way in which the fiscal crisis has devolved on us, and his staff is making every effort to head disaster off at the House Ways and Means Committee pass. Even though they are not publicly articulate on the matter, the State Board has a plan and is advancing it. For to accept House One lying down would be to accept a fiscal blow which would end in administrative and academic convulsions throughout the system.

The tendency in situations like this is to become incensed. I have been carrying a soap box in the back of my car for several weeks and have been tempted nearly every day to set it up in a public place and denounce whatever scoundrels there may be for threatening our college and my

own position in it. It is a natural urge but one which would be unproductive.

In crises, patience is the greatest virtue and second to it keeping one's temper. Sound planning for contingencies and possible disaster follow, with special attention to the various options and alternatives open. Graciousness and understanding help keep us civilized when the chips are down, and a spirit of cooperation and mutuality support the entire effort to keep an institution alive when it is being threatened.

Actually, we have a lot going for us: we have a first-rate faculty and an excellent student body. These are our most important assets — ones which will not easily give out, even when the going is tough.

During this period of fiscal crisis, our best strategy and our best defense is probably to do what we are equipped to do and do well: maintain our college community through high standards of scholarship, teaching, and learning. If we have integrity as a college, even though we are assailed, we will not easily be destroyed.

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New Scheme For Graduation Announced

For those of you who are disturbed over having to pay a fifteen dollar fee for graduation, after paying student activity fees for four semesters, prepare for a shock.

Unconfirmed rumors out of Boston report that the Massachusetts legislature has confiscated commencement funds to aid in the battle against the fiscal problems facing the Massachusetts state college system.

However, the people on Beacon Hill realize the importance of commencement exercises, and have not ignored that need. They have taken it upon themselves to plan the graduation and have devised a plan by which the state will not only save money but may even make a little extra. They have proudly labeled this proposal the Deficit Graduation.

Although details have not been made public, this reporter has received from high government sources, a detailed description of the upcoming 1977 commencement exercise at GCC.

The location of the commencement will be the same as last year. However, there will be some changes. The tent and stage have been omitted due to a tight budget. A speaker's podium will be constructed from milk crates donated by a local dairy. The problem of rain has also been considered by the People on the Hill. Gowns will be made of water resistant oilcloth this year.

Irene O'Connor — Student

By RICHARD WINTER

Irene O'Connor is a student at GCC. What, you might ask, is unusual about that? Born in 1898, Irene O'Connor at 79 years old is the oldest duly registered student in the Massachusetts Community College system.

Why did Irene choose to attend college at this point in time? Irene says she's doing it "just to do it." Since the loss of her second husband, she has had very little to do, and she is not the kind of person to be content under those circumstances. "How many times can a person go to Wilson's Department store shopping when they don't need anything. What do you do? — say, 'Oh look they've got a new display!' It's a rut; it's like a treadmill."

Irene didn't want to work at the thrift shop on Chapman Street, which she helped to found 25 years ago for the benefit of prevention of cruelty to children. After working in the health field most of her life and taking care of her second husband after he fell ill and blind, she feels that she "doesn't want to wait on other people — I've done enough of that."

Another reason Irene decided to come home is that she "doesn't want to be with old people all the time." The ones who live in the same building as she does don't do much but play cards. They've named her Duchess because she's not interested in card playing, and they think she's "out of her mind", "a crackpot" for going to college. There are many people, she feels, that are "a great deal older" than she though younger in years. "Freedom," says Irene, "— age doesn't enter into it."

Her son has invited her to live with his family, but she has declined that offer because she does not want to interfere with anybody else's life. "I can't get into another family because I want to live my own life."

Nor was she content with

mission will be one dollar for adults and seventy-five cents for children under six months. Refreshments will be sold.

Tickets for friends and relatives will be available at a time and place to be announced. Prices will be two-fifty for reserved seats and two dollars for standing room. Admission fees for graduates was considered but, after heated debate in the House, rejected. For those not able to make the commencement itself, a tape of the exercise will be shown, the following day in the college lecture hall. Admission will be one dollar.

Parking will be available in the college parking lot. The charge will be one dollar per car or twenty-five cents per occupant, whichever is higher.

Security at the commencement is a problem because of a requirement to pay college security guards overtime. The problem was solved when a legislator discovered that the 104th Infantry, Mass. National Guard, is having a drill that weekend. Therefore they will be in charge of security.

An amendment to the Deficit Graduation proposal is now circulating through the legislature. Under this plan, the governor will request that the commencement be declared a disaster area, thereby getting the federal government to foot the bill.

A highly placed source at the State House was unofficially quoted as saying, "If the deficit graduation plan goes well at GCC, it will be implemented state-wide next year. But, if it doesn't, what the hell, it's only Western Massachusetts."

To The Editor:

Just a short message to make everyone aware of a problem afflicting all of us which could become more drastic with time. Each day dishes, cups, soupbowls and silverware disappear from the dining hall.

Examples: 20 dz. teaspoons, 24 dz. forks, 20 dz. cupholders, 10 dz. small bowls, 20 dz. 6" plates.

Since September 1976 to the present, February 1, 1977 the dollar amount for replacement is well over \$580.00. Continuing at this pace, we will have expended well over \$1000.00 by the end of this semester. Because the food operation must figure replacement china and silverware into the prices charged in the cafeteria, it is to everyone's benefit to cease this practice. Please help us as well as yourselves and the future students of GCC by returning any of these missing articles.

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Many Careers Grow Out Of Business, Secretarial Study

By VINCE LORDITCH

Most students at GCC studying in business related areas, secretarial, data processing, business management and marketing have decided that they would like to work in some type of career in the business world. After receiving a degree, how does he or she decide where to go with it? A decision has to be made, even before graduation, on where to seek work or whether to go on to another school to get more training.

Many careers in business consist of detailed and repetitive tasks. Some, on the other hand, require applying skills to solving problems and devising ways to provide better services to those who depend on them. Many others require technical skills such as typing or machine operation.

As for training, some can be performed by unskilled laborers, while others require training ranging from high school to college.

How, then, does the student choose the alternative best suited to he or she. Here are some of the possibilities open to GCC graduates of business sciences.

In the clerical fields there are many jobs requiring the skills taught in a secretarial course. Typing, stenography, bookkeeping and other courses related to them are a bare minimum for many jobs in business.

Jobs such as file clerk, office machine operators and receptionists usually require only the very basics such as typing and knowledge of adding machines and calculators. However, the training as well as the salary may differ from one employer to another, depending on the importance of the position and the company's description of its duties. For instance, some hotels require only a clerical aptitude of their desk clerks, while small hotels may require bookkeeping knowledge.

Other office occupations, such as secretaries, stenographers

and statistical clerks need a wider scope of office skills. Secretaries vary as to the type of jobs they do — as do their salaries. They may be working in specialized areas, such as legal, medical, technical or social, for which specialized training is a must. Secretarial jobs may also vary as to whether it is in a secretarial pool or as a private secretary.

Stenographers' careers vary almost as much as a secretary's. General stenographers take routine dictation as well as doing other office tasks, while technical stenographers may work for doctors, lawyers, in court rooms, or even in the U.S. legislature. Again it all depends on level of training.

Some statistical clerks could need only business math and bookkeeping skills. Still others, such as in the case of a lumber checker, who must know wood grains, require more training.

Those trained in data processing are in great demand today since many firms depend on computers in running their businesses.

Computer operators, programmers and systems analysts are needed to run what has become the brain of many different areas of the business world. Training for these careers can be obtained in different ways, and vary from job to job. While some companies will train operators, others prefer training elsewhere. Programmers, on the other hand, have no universally agreed upon training. This varies between different business areas. Some, for instance, may require a knowledge of economics, others pay require a college degree in physical science.

Employers usually prefer a system analyst to have a bachelors degree and work experience in the business field in which they deal. Others require masters degrees. Still others consider experience as a computer programmer or operator as qualification for systems analysts.

Women Make Finals; Bow To Roxbury

By VINCE LORDITCH

The women's basketball team, which entered the Region 21 invitational tournament seeded eighth out of eight teams, but with high hopes, were disappointed as they fell to number one seed Roxbury C.C. 61-28 in the first round, at Rhode Island Junior College March 5.

The Baronesses, 10-8 overall and 7-7 in league play, played their usually efficient defense, 58 point average, to hold the high scoring Roxbury to only 22 points at the half, against GCC's 12. But bad luck on offense cost the girls precious points needed to close the gap in the second half. The team averaged 65 points in the regular season and had four of five starters averaging in double figures, but the scoring was just not there for tournament play.

The slow down offense used

throughout the game worked beautifully and penetrated well, according to coach Jeanne Ashley. But the shots just wouldn't fall in, and the girls finally found themselves too far behind with too little time left.

The ten point deficit at the half was about where the team wanted to be. But when the points needed failed to materialize, and as the clock was running out, Coach Ashley began substituting to give others a chance to play.

The game was closer than the score would indicate, as GCC was within 15 points most of the game. Only when substitutions were made was Roxbury able to pull away to the large margin indicated in the final score.

Roxbury eventually went on to defeat Massasoit CC in the final round of play to capture the tournament crown.

Women's Lacrosse Seeks Players

The Hampshire Women's Lacrosse Association opened its 1977 season on Sunday, March 6 at Mt. Holyoke College. Any woman who has graduated from high school and wants to continue to play or learn how to play lacrosse is welcome. Competition ranges from the easy going intra-club games to the highly competitive Association games. The Hampshire Association also offers instruction and rating sessions for anyone interested in umpiring women's lacrosse games.

Women's lacrosse is a fluid, fast moving team sport requiring skill, finesse, and enthusiasm. The Association meets at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. For further information contact Nancy Rosoff, North Mondelle Hall, Mt. Holyoke College or Carmen Buell, 113 Beacon Street, Greenfield, Mass.

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Barons Fourth In State

By CARLO A. GONZALEZ

The Red Barons, Greenfield Community College's basketball team, after working hard through a long season, has finished up this season ranked fourth in the state. Coach Len Larabee, feels that the Red Barons have good call to be satisfied with themselves for doing so well in very competitive league and region play.

The season started out hot with five straight wins against Middlesex, Berkshire, Mt. Wachusett, Holyoke, and Springfield Technical, in that order, before losing a close one to Quinsigamond. In the second round of the Mass. Community College Athletic Conference play, the Barons came up trailing at the end of the game to Quinsigamond, Berkshire and Springfield while beating all the rest for a second time. The Barons' average was eight and four, good enough to qualify along with Quinsigamond as western division representatives to the MCCAC tournament which determines the best community college team in the state.

At the tournament were, from the eastern division, Roxbury and Massasoit Bay to play the western division. Quinsigamond lost a close one to Roxbury in the opener of the two day event. The

Barons took a loss to Mass. Bay leaving Mass. Bay and Roxbury to battle it out in the final. Mass. Bay came out number one.

The Barons attribute success to the total effort of the team. Six foot Brian Dee averaged better than 21 points per game and came up with an all-time GCC high of 40 points in one game, against Berkshire. Playing as guards were Rick Tetreault, Scott Rome — "Ozone", Brendon Riley and Jim Larabee. Rome and Tetreault averaged 9.3 and 4.4 points per game respectively. At the tricky position of forward was Bob Robillard — "Casper", Glenn Dasilva, Doug Chausser, Brian McCormack and Carlo Gonzalez — "Bow Wow". Dasilva hit 22 points for his season high in a crucial game against Holyoke to help clinch the MCCAC Tourney slot.

Overall, the Barons had a commendable season with a record of 8 wins and 5 losses in Region XXI — New England competition.

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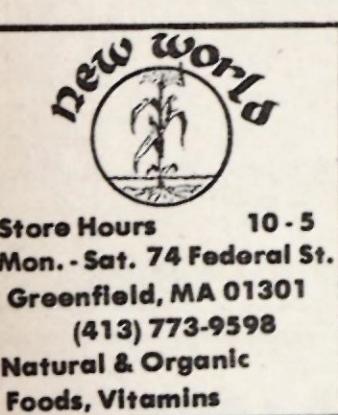
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GCC's Pappas Takes Second In State Olympics



Saturday, March 5, 1977, at the Canton Mass. High School, the 1977 Mass. State Olympic Weight Lifting Championships were held.

At a bodyweight of 201 pounds, Calvin Pappas won the silver medal, or second place, in the heavyweight class. Pappas lives in Bernardston.

Two Olympic lifts, the two hands snatch and the two hands clean and jerk are lifted. The lifter takes three attempts in each of the lifts. The winner is the lifter who has the highest total poundage. By combining the lifter's best snatch and his best clean and jerk.

The snatch is the lift where the weight is lifted from the floor to overhead in one motion. The barbell does not stop. It is one movement. I made all three snatch attempts with 205, then 220, then 230 pounds.

In the clean and jerk, the weight is lifted from the floor to the shoulders in one movement and with the barbell at the shoulders, the lifter dips and then drives up with his legs. This thrusts the weight up and at the same time the lifter moves his body under the weight by splitting the legs fore and aft (see photo). The lifter then recovers

by moving his feet back to the same line. I made all three clean and jerk attempts with 295, then 310, then 315 lbs.

The two-lift total was 545 lbs. (230 + 315) and this total placed me second in the contest.

The photograph shows Pappas fixing the weight of 315 pounds overhead in the split position.

"My lifting history," says Pappas, is as such: In the summer of 1975, I was New England teenage champion, East Coast teenage champion, and was rated third in the nation when I placed third in the U.S. National Teenage Championships. Since I turned 20 years old, I have lifted in twelve senior contests and placed in the top three in nine of them. However,

the placings were only second and thirds. I have yet to win a senior contest.

"Between March 26, 1977, and June 25, 1977, there is five more senior contests and I will lift in all of them. Hoping to place first in at least one of them."

"At Greenfield Community College, I am a second year liberal arts student. Last semester I was on the Dean's List with a 3.58, so I devote time to both school work and to lifting. The latter (lifting) requires about 9 to 12 hours per week. Lifting 3 to 5 days per week in room N-07.

"Don Wheeler, the athletic director at GCC, has been very helpful in my lifting career at GCC. His knowledge of the muscles and their function, care and prevention of injuries, and giving me a room to train in have proved their worth in my lifting career. Without his help, I would not be lifting at the level I am now."

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"I started to lift again in

September of 1976 and started with 55 pounds. I added five pounds per day, three days per week, for three months until all my injuries were healed. Due to being in the proper condition, I have avoided injury and by lifting less than limit weights in the gym and only going to limit at contests, I hope to keep free of any injuries."

Senate Bill Would Require Student Rep

A bill sponsored by Senator Bob Hall, Senate 193, which would require the appointment of a student member to Community College Advisory Boards, has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Massachusetts House. The student on the advisory board will be elected by the student body of the Community College for a one year term.

"We are becoming more aware of the importance of student input in advisory capacities like this," Hall said. "This will help open channels of communication between students and the administration."

Hall has filed the bill in past years, but it was killed by the committee on education. Hall said that the bill received a favorable report this year due to

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